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for 1960

No. 2 AREA

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R. C. MACLEOD, *Medical Officer of Health.*

This is the fourth Annual Report I have presented. I shall, as in previous years, comment on services provided in the area by the County Council as well as on those provided by the District Councils.

Infectious Disease.

Compared with 1959 the number of cases of infectious disease notified fell by over 50 per cent. The number of cases of Measles went down from 436 to 174, those for Whooping Cough from 54 to 21, those for Pneumonia from 82 to 23.

	1960					
	Axminster Rural	Honiton Borough	Honiton Rural	Ottery St. Mary Urban	Seaton Urban	Total
Scarlet Fever	3	0	3	17	0	23
Whooping Cough ...	1	13	6	0	1	21
Measles	43	42	19	68	2	174
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	2	0	0	0	3
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection	0	0	0	1	0	1
Encephalitis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	4	4	14	1	0	23
Food Poisoning	0	0	4	0	0	4
Erysipelas	3	0	1	0	0	4
	55	61	47	89	3	255

Diphtheria.

Once again no cases have been reported during the year. It is essential, however, that immunisation against this disease should continue and all parents should ensure that their children are immunised.

Food Poisoning.

Four cases of suspected food poisoning were notified. No cause was identified.

Poliomyelitis.

No cases of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis.

The number of cases notified declined from 8 in 1959 to 4 in 1960. As I stated in my last report, it should not be expected that this small number will reduce to zero shortly. Small numbers of cases must be expected to occur over the next few years.

Brucellosis.

A case of Brucellosis was reported in October and on investigation of the milk supply it was found that agglutination tests for Brucella Abortus infection in the cows were very strongly positive. Moreover, there was a history of abortion in the herd. This was a Tuberculin Tested herd owned by a producer-retailer and the milk was, therefore, being consumed untreated. By agreement with the owner and with the help of a Dairy Company, the milk was sent for pasteurisation and other milk supplied to customers. Investigations were still proceeding at the end of the year.

It is thought that between ten and twenty per cent of dairy herds in the country are infected with Brucella Abortus and danger to the consumers of Tuberculin Tested unpasteurised milk is certainly present. Much could be done by fuller use of the S.19 vaccine in calves, and if this was universally applied there is no doubt that the pool of infection could be remarkably reduced. It is astonishing to find that some farmers are still unaware that the organism causing Abortus Fever in cattle may affect human beings, and, even more mysterious, are unaware that the use of the S.19 vaccine could save them from much financial loss.

Cancer.

There was a small reduction in the number of deaths from Cancer. It is noteworthy that, in spite of the overall rise in deaths from Cancer of the lung in this country, the number in our area declined from 15 to 12.

	Lungs							All types of cancer including lungs						
	(1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960)	(1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960)
Axminster Rural. Population 14,090—	3	1	4	5	9	8	6	23	31	22	36	36	32	36
Honiton Borough. Population 4,580—	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	8	12	6	13	11	12	8
Honiton Rural. Population 7,153—	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	9	10	17	9	17	17	14
Ottery St. Mary Urban. Population 4,230—	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1	2	2	1	15	11	7	3	16	12	12
Seaton Urban. Population 3,000—	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	10	9	9	8	7	16	9
	7	6	11	8	15	15	12	65	73	61	69	87	89	79

Food Hygiene.

Many visits to food-handling establishments were made by the Public Health Inspectors and the Medical Officer of Health during the year and once again an improvement in general conditions is reported. Such visits must be continued regularly if any advance, or even the maintenance of present standards is to be ensured.

Immunisation.

The system whereby with the co-operation of the County Medical Department immunisation figures for the five districts in my area can be compiled separately from those of the County as a whole has now been running for a full year. The numbers inoculated are shown below.

	Primary	Booster	Total
Smallpox	357	53	383
Triple*	425 (34 incomplete)†	59	480
Diphtheria—Tetanus	9 (7 incomplete)†	36	45
Diphtheria—Whooping Cough	0	12	12
Diphtheria	11 (2 incomplete)†	18	29
Tetanus	87 (72 incomplete)†	7	94
Whooping Cough	1	0	1
	890	184	1,053

* Combined Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus vaccines.
† Most of these will be completed in 1961.

Compared with the immunisation figures for the County, those for East Devon are somewhat better than average. The numbers immunised, however, can and must be improved upon.

The number of children Heaf tested in the senior schools during the year was 886. Of these, 131 were found to be Heaf positive. All were X-rayed and none were found to be suffering from Tuberculosis. The negative children were given B.C.G. I am, of course, responsible for the giving of this inoculation at all senior schools in East Devonshire. It should be noted that children at private schools are also catered for, and all such schools are circularised yearly.

Mental Health.

This is, of course, a County Council responsibility. I had envisaged, as the Mental Health Bill indicated that more persons may be treated at home, that District Councils and their officers would become more involved with Mental Health. It will, possibly, be some time before this effect is noticed. The term " Mental Health " covers a very wide field, and it is obvious that all bodies, voluntary or official, which assist in bringing people together or in meeting the needs of, say, elderly people, are doing Mental Health work.

National Assistance Act, 1948—Section 47.

It was, fortunately, unnecessary to take any action under this Section.

Welfare of Old People,

Some progress has been made in catering for the needs of old people and it is hoped that further Old People's Welfare Committees will be formed in the coming year. Seaton is so far the only one of the five districts having a Meals on Wheels service and the organisers are to be congratulated on providing a much-needed and much-appreciated service. It had been hoped that a similar service could be provided in Honiton but this has not yet proved to be possible. It is hoped that a Chiropodist for East Devon will be appointed by the County Council next year.

Hospitals.

There are three hospitals in the area :—

(1) **Axminster :** Accommodation is as follows :—
15 beds for general medical and surgical cases including one private and one amenity bed.

(2) **Honiton :** Accommodation is as follows :—
153 beds in all. 104 for chronic sick, 26 welfare, 7 maternity and 16 acute medical and minor surgical beds.

(3) **Ottery St. Mary :** Accommodation is as follows :—
23 beds in all. 19 general medical and minor surgical and 4 for chronic sick.

Cases of Infectious Disease from the area go to Whipton Isolation Hospital. The Resident Physician and his staff have been most helpful at all times.

Laboratory Facilities.

Co-operation between the Public Health Laboratory service in Exeter and the Public Health Department has been close.

Child Welfare Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held at Axminster, Millwey Rise, Colyton, Honiton, Seaton and Ottery St. Mary. The number of sessions held and the attendances were as follows :—

Axminster
Number of sessions held—12.
Total number of attendances (babies)—31.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—57.

Millwey Rise, Axminster
Number of sessions held—23.
Total number of attendances (babies)—98.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—97.

Colyton
Number of sessions held—23.
Total number of attendances (babies)—104.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—96.

Honiton
Number of sessions held—24.
Total number of attendances (babies)—370.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—349.

Seaton
Number of sessions held—24.
Total number of attendances (babies)—266.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—143.

Ottery St. Mary
Number of sessions held—24.
Total number of attendances (babies)—391.
Total number of attendances (toddlers)—301.

Sewage Disposal.

The Axminster Rural District sewage scheme with the new works at Kilmington is under consideration by the Ministry. Schemes for Seaton and Honiton are also under debate. It is hoped that more progress will be made in the coming year.

Water Supplies.

East Devon Water Board.

The Water Undertaking of the Lyme Regis Borough Council was taken over by the Board on 1st December, 1960. As part of the Undertaking the Rhode Barton source was also acquired, but this must be abandoned eventually because it is frequently subject to pollution. The Beaver Batch and Furzeley sources were reduced to standby operation and are now only used in times of extreme demand or emergency. A further emergency supply was provided from the River Axe at Whitford. Although it has never been necessary to use this, it is available for supply should any trouble arise at Pinhay. During the year emergency supplies were provided for the Seaton Urban District from Beer, and for the Colyton Feoffees. 1,114 samples were taken of water in supply, and of these only 14 were unsatisfactory. Consumption during 1960 was not particularly high and averaged only 1.3 m.g.d. Because of the comparatively poor summer, peak consumption only reached about 1.55 m.g.d.

Other Supplies.

A considerable number of queries and complaints regarding water supplies in the five districts were dealt with during the year. Some referred to wells, some to impurities resulting from the use of piping and containers unsuited to the particular water involved, and some related to the suitability for domestic consumption of farm water supplies.

Outworkers.

Under the provisions relating to Outworkers in the Factories Act of 1937, it is necessary for Councils in whose areas there are factories or other establishments employing outworkers, to inform the Medical Officer of Health of the district where the outworkers live of the fact of their employment.

The number of Outworkers seems to be declining. No problem has arisen in connection with such employment during the year.

Mass Radiography.

The Mass Radiography Service examined 2,989 people throughout the year and a list of the conditions discovered is given below.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	
Requiring treatment	2
Requiring further observation	4
Healed cases	47
Sarcoidosis	1
Acquired Cardio-vascular Disease	7
Diaphragmatic abnormality	2
Pneumonia	4
Bronchitis	6
Bronchiectasis	1
Thyroid enlargement	2
Lymphadenopathy	1
Bony abnormality	15

Camping and Caravanning.

East Devon does not contain the large camping and caravanning sites present in other areas of the County. There will, therefore, not be such a great problem in bringing our sites up to the level laid down in the new Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. It is important that the two sites catering for holiday and touring campers and caravanners on the A30 and A37 roads should be upgraded as quickly as possible to cater for the large number of travellers going further west.

R. C. MacLeod,
Medical Officer of Health.

AXMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT

Area	52,135 acres
Population	14,090
Rateable Value	£169,844
Penny Rate produces	£694
No. of Parishes	15
General Rate levied	19/2¼d.

Deaths

1959—91 males, 75 females 166

1960—83 males, 88 females 171

Live Births

1959—102 males, 68 females 170

4 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 170.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 12.1.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 2.3.

1960—98 males, 66 females 164

2 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 164.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 11.6.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 1.2.

Still Births

1959—2 still births were registered (0 illegitimate) ... 2

Total live and still births 172

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 12.1.

1960—2 still births were registered (0 illegitimate) ... 2

Total live and still births 166

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 11.9.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

1959—1 death was registered (0 illegitimate) 1

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 5.9.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, 6.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 11.6.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 12.

Deaths.

The deaths registered were 171 as compared with 166 in 1959. This is about the average for the area and calls for no comment. Deaths of infants under 1 year were nil compared with 1 in the previous year. The chief causes of death were: —

	1959	1960
Tuberculosis	0	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	14	20
Diabetes	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	34	34
Coronary disease, angina	29	32
Hypertension with heart disease	1	6
Other heart disease	18	24
Other circulatory disease	6	4
Influenza	5	0
Pneumonia	4	7
Bronchitis	5	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	6	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	0	2
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	11
Motor accidents	0	1
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide	2	2
	166	171

Infectious Disease

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified in 1959 and 1960 :—

	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	4	3
Whooping Cough	3	1
Measles	103	43
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	5	1
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory)	2	0
Dysentery	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0
Pneumonia	15	4
Erysipelas	0	3
Typhoid	1	0
	135	55

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Water Supplies.

Routine examination and sampling of private water supplies in the district were continued and their general classification is as follows :

Axmouth (Stedcombe Estate)	Class 1
*Colyton (Feoffees)	Class 1
Combpyne (Good's supply)	Class 1

*This supply, as in the previous year, became contaminated at source, but subsequent samples have revealed that the remedial works carried out have rectified matters for the time being.

The East Devon Water Board continue to extend their water supplies within the area and also cut out, wherever possible, those supplies which, in the past have been of doubtful purity before treatment at source.

Sewerage.

During the year no additional mains or works have been constructed, but schemes are being prepared which should further improve the conditions within the area.

Meat and Other Foods.

The two slaughter houses in the district situated at Axminster and Colyton continued to operate during the year.

Under the new Slaughterhouses Act, proposals have been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, together with plans for reconstruction in order that the slaughterhouses may comply with this new Act and the Operative Day is July 1st, 1961, when all slaughterhouses within the district shall comply.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number inspected	270	1	1,042	204
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	—	—	—	—
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	2	—
Carcases of which some part was condemned	33	—	18	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	12.2%	—	1.7%	—
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part was condemned	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—

Also during the year the following food was condemned :— Tinned Meat 102lb., Cooked Meat 15lb., Fresh Meat 151½lb., Tinned Fruit 20lb. 4oz., Tinned Vegetables 26lb., other Foods 12lb. AND the complete contents of a deep-freeze container at a shop in the district.

Food and Drugs Act.

1. Number of Food Premises—

Type	No. in Area	No. Inspected
(a) Grocers and Fruiterers	45	8
(b) Butchers	10	3
(c) Bakers	7	3
(d) Fishmongers	5	2
(e) Confectioners	8	1
(f) Restaurants	15	5

2. Number of Premises registered under Section 16—

(a) Manufacture of Sausages ...	11	3
(b) Sale of Ice-cream only (pre-packed)	69	18
(c) Fish Frying	4	1

3. It has not been possible to form any food guild within the area.
4. Disposal of Condemned Foods—
   (a) Tinned Food—by incineration.
   (b) Meat—by incineration.
5. No special examinations of consignments were necessary.
6. No action has been necessary under the Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, as no ice-cream is manufactured in the district.

Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

Caravans and Camping.

In 1960 there were :

15 Residential Caravans
315 Static Holiday Caravans
58 Mobile Caravans
122 Tents used by organised parties
377 Casual Tents
14 Holiday Chalets
2,852 Persons are estimated to have occupied these structures.

The three main sites at Beer, Colyford and Shute, were inspected as regularly as possible, particularly during the height of the season. They were all well-controlled and maintained but the extra influx at the Beer site warranted the provision of further facilities. A site extension is being considered.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into force during the year and this has necessitated re-licensing of sites and the application of the new Model Standards. The improvement of existing sites to bring them up to the new standards will take some time.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A revised scheme for refuse collection has been regularly maintained; this provides weekly collections to all the main parish centres and fortnightly collections in outlying districts.

The urgent need for further dumping facilities continues and surveys have been carried out in the Beer area for this purpose.

The dump at Colyton is very rarely used and this should be closed in the near future.

The litter receptacles situated throughout the district are extensively used, especially during the holiday season, and it is often found difficult to cope with their regular emptying when also carrying out refuse collection.

Rodent Control.

The part-time rodent operator covers the district.

During the year the following premises were inspected under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 :—

Local Authority	47
Dwelling Houses (including Council houses) ...	559
All other (including business premises)	201
Agricultural	325

Test baiting and half-yearly maintenance treatments were carried out to the Council's sewerage systems at Axminster, Axmouth, Beer, Colyton, Colyford and Stockland.

There was one major infestation treated during the year.

Petroleum Acts.

Further work was carried out by the department on implementing the conditions of the Petroleum Acts and Associated Regulations, and this will have to continue until all tanks and installations are inspected and tested in order to comply with the Licensing Conditions.

There was close co-operation in this work with the representatives of the Petroleum Companies and other responsible bodies.

Ullage testing was carried out in the main, although, in the very old types of installation, the storage tanks were given nitrogen pressure tests.

The annual licensing of all storage installations was dealt with covering 64 petrol storage sites.

Housing.

During the year under review maintenance and supervision was carried out on the 1,037 Council houses administered by the Council.

Schemes for modernisation of old Council houses were implemented, covering a detailed expenditure of £25,000, while small repairs to the value of £11,000 were issued to various contractors, covering an average of 3,000 orders. This work has necessitated constant supervision owing to the detailed nature of the specifications.

External painting was carried out in approximately 150 houses and maintenace and inspection of grass cutting, hedging, ditching and other Estate management.

Fortunately, this work is now to be separated from Public Health, so for the first time for 25 years the Public Health Inspector will deal wholly with Public Health matters and this should auger well for development and improvement of environmental health within the district, which is not only large but has a greatly increased population during the summer season when general hygiene becomes of even greater importance.

Rent Act, 1957.

No fresh applications under the provisions of the Act were made during the year.

Housing Acts, 1957.

1.	Total number of dwelling-houses demolished ...	3
2.	Total number of dwelling-houses closed	9
3. (a)	Total number of houses rendered fit by formal notice	2
(b)	Total number of houses rendered fit by informal notice	1

Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	7	4	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	14	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	6	6	—
	81	24	Nil

Sections 110 and 111—Outworkers

Nature of Work	Section 110 No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Section 111 No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (Making)	3	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	2	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	2	—	—	—	—	—

General Inspections.

Disinfection following infectious diseases	Nil
Water supplies (private and statutory undertakings) ...	19
Inspection of drains	14
Condemned Foods, visits and re-visits	22
Petroleum Inspections	80
Public Health Act, Section 269 (Caravans)	41
Inspections, Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 91, etc.) ...	37
Rodent Inspections (by Public Health Inspectors)	29
Miscellaneous (Explosive Act, etc.)	19

L. H. White, Public Health Inspector.

HONITON BOROUGH

Area	3,125 acres
Population	4,580
Rateable Value	£67,514
Penny Rate produces	£272
General Rate levied	20/9d.

Deaths

1959—32 males, 53 females 85
1960—28 males, 30 females 58

Live Births

1959—32 males, 23 females 55
4 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 55.
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 13.9.
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births, 7.3.

1960—41 males, 37 females 78
1 illegitmate birth was registered and is included in the above total of 78.
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 17.
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births, 1.3.

Still Births

1959—0 still births were registered 0
Total live and still births 55
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 13.9.

1960—0 still births were registered 0
Total live and still births 78
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 17.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

1959—1 death was registered (1 illegitimate) 1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 18.2.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, 0.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 250.

1960—2 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 25.6.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, 26.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 0.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

1959—1 death was registered (1 illegitimate) 1
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 18.2.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

1959—1 death was registered (1 illegitimate) 1
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 18.2.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 18.2.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, Nil.

Deaths.

The chief causes of death were :—

	1959	1960
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	0
Malignant neoplasm, breast	4	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	2	5
Leukaemia	1	1
Diabetes	2	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	16
Coronary disease, angina	14	9
Other heart disease	10	8
Other circulatory disease	3	6
Influenza	1	0
Pneumonia	6	4
Bronchitis	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	0
Congenital malformations	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0
All other accidents	2	0
Suicide	1	0
	85	58

There were no deaths from lung cancer.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of Infectious Disease were notified in 1959 and 1960 :—

	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Whooping Cough	21	13
Measles	179	42
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0	2
Pneumonia	32	4
Erysipelas	1	0
	233	61

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Council Houses.

During the year a further 40 permanent houses of Traditonal construction have been completed and occupied on the Jerrard Crescent site. This brings the total number of occupied Council houses to 393, made up as follows :—

Permanent Pre-war Houses	137
Permanent Post-war Houses	244
Prefabricated Bungalows	12
	393

Continuing their policy of providing more new Council houses, the Council have agreed to build 32 Unity houses on a site at Sidmouth Road. At the moment tender documents are being prepared and it is hoped to commence building in May, 1961.

Housing Act, 1957.

Seventeen houses were declared unfit during the year and undertakings not to re-let were accepted on 16. One Closing Order was also made.

Two unfit houses were made fit, one following informal action and one after a formal notice under the Public Health Act, 1936.

There is one unfit house in the Borough licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34, Housing Act, 1957.

Housing (Financial Provisons) Act, 1958.

There has been a marked increase in the number of applications for Improvement Grants received during the year. Eleven Standard Grant applications were approved and four payments amounting to £517 16s. 9d. were subsequently made. Two Discretionary Grant applications were approved and payments totalling £570 were made. The total amount of Grant Aid paid during the year amounted to £1,087 16s. 9d.

Several properties which were made the subject of Improvement Grants would no doubt have warranted action under the Housing Acts if the improvements had not been carried out.

The approval of 13 Grant applications this year compares favourably with the 2 approved in 1959. It would appear that the general public are becoming more aware of the existence of the Grants and are taking advantage of them to a far greater extent.

Water Supply.

The whole of the Borough, with the exception of a few isolated dwellings, is supplied with a satisfactory piped water supply by the East Devon Water Board.

Bathing Facilities.

The Allhallows Swimming Pool continues in use. There is no doubt that the installation of an automatic chlorination plant must be considered in the near future.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The existing disposal works are now grossly overloaded and, bearing in mind the tremendous amount of development which has taken place or is envisaged in the near future, the proposed extension to the works is being treated as a first priority.

During the year the existing War Department works were taken over by the Council.

The Consulting Engineers have made many tests and taken weir readings and should shortly be in a position to submit their scheme to the Council.

A new six inch sewer was laid by direct labour to serve the development that is taking place in the Pine Park Road area.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A weekly refuse collection service is maintained for all but a few outlying dwellings in the Borough. This service, although working satisfactorily at the present time will soon need revision due to the amount of development, both by the Council and by private enterprise, that is taking place.

The existing refuse tip at Ottery Moor Farm is rapidly filling, and the Council will soon be faced with the problem of finding a new tip.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Complaints of rat infestation on private properties were dealt with during the year by the Rodent Operator. No major infestations were found and no statutory action was necessary. Regular treatments of the Borough refuse tip and sewerage works were carried out together with the test baiting of the sewers.

Public Conveniences.

The two Public Conveniences in the Borough continue to be extensively used with a marked increase during the holiday season.

Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	25	—	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	—	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	—	—

Sections 110 and 111—Outworkers

Nature of Work	Section 110 No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Section 111 No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making	2	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	5	—	—	—	—	—

Certificate of Means of Escape in Case of Fire.

The giving of these Certificates was taken over by the Devon County Fire Service at the end of the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

1. Number of Food Premises—

Type	No. in Area	No. inspected
(a) Grocers and Fruiterers ...	15	10
(b) Butchers	7	7
(c) Bakers	3	1
(d) Fishmongers	1	1
(e) Confectioners	11	6
(f) Restaurants	13	13

2. Number of Premises registered under Section 16 :
   (a) Manufacture of Sausages ... 7
   (b) Sale of Ice-cream (pre-packed) ... 24
   (c) Fish Frying 3
3. Inspection of Registered Premises :
   (a) Manufacture of Sausages ... 7
   (b) Sale of Ice-cream 18
   (c) Fish Frying 2
4. No food guild was formed in the Borough during the year.
5. Disposal of Condemned Food :
   (a) Tinned Food—by incineration.
   (b) Meat—by incineration.

6. No special examination of consignments was necessary.
7. Ice-cream : there are no premises registered under the Ice-cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, but two premises are registered to manufacture by the Cold Mix method.
8. Meat Inspection : unfortunately, 100% meat inspection was not carried out as the Borough Surveyor and Public Health Inspector is the only qualified meat inspector on the staff, and cannot possibly cope with the large throughput at the commercial slaughterhouse in the town.

Camping and Caravanning.

There is one approved holiday camping site in the Borough. During this year however, there has been a tendency for the site to become residential rather than holiday. The owner has made application to the Planning Authority for permission to use the site for residential caravanning, and his application is being supported by the Council.

HONITON RURAL DISTRICT

Area	61.261 acres
Population	7,153
Number of Parishes	22
Ratable Value	£55,579
Penny Rate produces	£227
General Rate levied	17/6d.

Deaths

1959—34 males, 36 females 70
1960—36 males, 30 females 66

Live Births

1959—69 males, 48 females 117
2 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 117.
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 16.8.
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 1.7.

1960—53 males, 42 females 95
2 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 95.
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 13.3.
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 2.1.

Still Births

1959—1 still birth was registered (0 illegitimate) 1
Total live and still births 118
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 16.9.

1960—0 still births were registered 0
Total live and still births 95
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 13.3.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, Nil.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

1960—2 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 21.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, 21.5.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

1960—2 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 2
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 21.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 8.5.

1960—2 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 2
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 21.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 21.

Deaths.

The chief causes of death were :—

	1959	1960
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	12	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	9
Coronary disease, angina	13	7
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
Other heart disease	11	6
Other circulatory disease	1	5
Influenza	1	0
Pneumonia	0	3
Bronchitis	1	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	8
Motor accidents	2	1
All other accidents	0	2
Suicide	1	2
	70	66

Notifications of Infectious Disease

	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	4	3
Whooping Cough	19	6
Measles	126	19
Pneumonia	32	14
Poliomyelitis	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	0
Erysipelas	1	1
Food Poisoning	0	4
Encephalitis	1	0
	184	47

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Refuse Collection.

The refuse from the rural district is dealt with at the Shepherds Hut tip owned by the Sidmouth Urban District Council. Fortnightly collections are now carried out in ten parishes, which has resulted in some increase in the volume of refuse tipped, some 313 loads as against 291 in 1959. Informal action was taken in various instances to replace unsatisfactory dustbins.

Due to the increased volume of trade refuse from Hotels and similar establishments it has been necessary to fix a minimum charge per collection from such premises over and above the ordinary domestic collections.

Rodent Control.

Test baiting has been carried out regularly in the various sewerage systems, but no poisoning has been necessary. A number of complaints of rat infestation at private premises were dealt with during the year, but no heavy infestations were found.

Housing.

No houses were completed by the Council during the year, but fifteen houses and bungalows were built by private enterprise. The Cornish Unit houses at Plymtree were in course of erection, while provisional plans were made to erect additional houses at Branscombe and Sidmouth Junction.

Sixteen pre-war Council houses were improved by the provision of bathrooms and drainage systems during the year, the work being carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Housing Manager.

Fifty-one premises were brought up to modern standards with the help of Discretionary and Standard Grants during the year, while undertakings not to re-let were accepted in respect of three unfit houses.

Water Supplies.

Water supplies in the district were satisfactory throughout the year.

Sewage Disposal.

Subsequent to the completion of the Gittisham village sewerage scheme in 1959, work was commenced on connecting the Coombe Estate properties in the village to the new sewer. This work has been facilitated by the making of Improvement Grants. The small sewage plant for the Gittisham Council houses has now been demolished.

The Sidmouth Junction/Feniton scheme was approved by the Ministry and a tender was let towards the end of the year. Work on the sewers and rising main between Sidmouth Junction and Feniton commenced in December, 1960, and the work is still proceeding.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The existing slaughterhouse in the area was completely modernised and brought up to modern standards and has been in continual use on a weekly basis since February, 1960. The total kill has been :—

63 beasts, 95 pigs, 295 sheep, 16 calves.

1. Number of Food Premises registered—23 General Stores.
2. Number of Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955—23, and 1 dairy registered under the Milk and Dairy Regulations.
3. Number of inspections of registered food premises—27.
4. It has not been possible to form any Food Guild within the area.
5. Method of disposal of condemned food—by incineration.
6. No special examinations of consignments were necessary.
7. Number of premises registered under the Ice-cream Regulations—25.
8. No legal action was necessary under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	18	16	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	26	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	40	42	—

Sections 110 and 111—Outworkers

Nature of Work	Section 110 No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Section 111 Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (making)	2	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	1	—	—	—	—	—

F. J. Baxfield, Public Health Inspector.

OTTERY ST. MARY URBAN DISTRICT

Area	10,008 acres
Population	4,230
Rateable Value	£47,548
General Rate levied	19/2d.
Penny Rate produces	£192

Deaths

1959—39 males, 37 females 76

1960—33 males, 30 females 63

Live Births

1959—25 males, 32 females 57

4 illegitimate births were registered and are included in the above total of 57.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 13.5.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 7.

1960—24 males, 27 females 51

0 illegitimate births were registered.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 12.1.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, Nil.

Still Births

1959—0 still births were registered 0

Total live and still births 57

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 13.5.

1960—1 still birth was registered (0 illegitimate) 1

Total live and still births 52

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 12.3.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

1959—5 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 5

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 8.8.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, 9.4.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

1959—4 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 4
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 7.
Maternal deaths, 1.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

1959—3 deaths were registered (0 illegitimate) 3
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 5.3.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 52.6.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 19.2.

Deaths.

The chief causes of death were :—

	1959	1960
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	4
Diabetes	1	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	10
Coronary disease, angina	9	12
Hypertension with heart disease	0	3
Other heart disease	14	6
Other circulatory disease	5	5
Influenza	2	0
Pneumonia	0	4
Bronchitis	2	0
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0
Pregnancy, child birth, abortion	1	0
Congenital malformations	1	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	7
Motor accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	0
Suicide	1	0
	76	63

Infectious Disease

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during 1959 and 1960 :—

	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	7	17
Whooping Cough	11	0
Measles	12	68
Poliomyelitis	0	0
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory)	0	1
Dysentery	0	1
Pneumonia	3	1
Mumps Meningitis	1	0
Meningococcal Meningitis	0	1
	34	89

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Water Supply.

Further extensions of the water mains belonging to the East Devon Water Board were carried out during the year, particularly in the West Hill area, and the final take-over of the private Water Company belonging to Sir John Kennaway's Escot Estate took place. The small storage reservoir to this supply has been discarded and all the existing mains have been connected to the main source of supply from the two Bore Holes situated at Great Well. The sinking of the third Bore Hole at Great Well, and test pumping of the said Bore was completed during the year, but it is understood that the scheme incorporating this additional source of supply is not to be carried out at present; adequate supplies for the area concerned can be obtained from the two Bore Holes now in operation.

The purity and quantity of the water supply from the Great Well source remained satisfactory during the year.

Bacteriological Examination.

Nine (9) samples of water were taken from the main supply of the East Devon Water Board for bacteriological examination. All were reported as being of Class 1 quality and satisfactory. Three samples were taken from private well supplies. Two were reported as being satisfactory, one showed evidence of slight bacterial contamination. Two samples were taken from the Council's borehole supplies to two housing estates situated at Gosford and Alfington—each were reported as being satisfactory.

Three samples were also taken from private wells in Tipton St. John following the serious flooding of the village in October. Each sample showed evidence of considerable contamination. The wells were cleaned out and further samples taken, but only in one instance was the report on the sample considered satisfactory—representations have been made to the respective owners of the dwellings concerned and it is anticipated that the private wells will be abandoned and the dwellings connected to the main water supply of the East Devon Water Board.

Sewage Disposal.

The sewage disposal works serving the Town area continued to work satisfactorily during the year.

Messrs. Lemon & Blizard, the Council's Consulting Engineers, made further progress with the detailed plans required for the extension of the sewers in the Town area—this work is now becoming more urgent since further development towards the East side of the built-up area of the town is contemplated. The proposed development comprising new dwellings and factory premises cannot proceed until the work of extending the existing sewerage system has been carried out.

Work on the new sewerage scheme at Tipton St. John involving the construction of sewerage disposal works, pumping plant and the laying of new sewers commenced during March and satisfactory progress has been made by the Contractors despite the serious flooding of the village and surrounding areas during October and November. The River Otter overflowed its banks and the greater part of the site of the disposal works was flooded—remedial measures are now being taken to obviate any possible damage to the pumping plant and electrical installation if the unprecedented flooding which occurred during the latter part of the year should ever be repeated.

Refuse Disposal.

No material change in the arrangement for the collection and disposal of household and trade refuse was made during the year. The disposal of refuse by controlled tipping at the old clay pits, Chineway, was carried out satisfactorily.

Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	No on Register	No. of Inspections	No.of Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	19	46	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	17	66	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, Building Sites, etc....	14	28	—
	50	140	Nil

Defects found and remedied :—

Unsatisfactory washing accommodation	1
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences ...	1
Absence of proper sanitary conveniences	1

There are no Outworkers in the district.

Housing.

Number of new dwellings erected :—

By Local Authority	8
By other bodies or persons	12
	20

In addition to the above, one large house was converted into two flats and two flats were added to another large house which had previously been converted to six flats.

The Council renovated a derelict cottage at St. Saviour's, the second of a pair of cottages situated near to the Town sewage disposal works.

The Council do not make any Discretionary Grants under the Housing Act, 1949. Six dwellings were improved under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and in respect of which Standard Grants were duly paid to the respective owners of the properties concerned.

Slum Clearance.

No further progress was made regarding the proposed clearance areas Nos. 4, 6 and 7; formal action on the fifteen unfit dwellings in these clearance areas is in abeyance pending the erection by the Council of the dwellings to provide the necessary

alternative accommodation. There is no doubt that slum clearance will have to be dealt with in the very near future. It is contemplated that an early start will be made on the scheme for the erection of houses on the Winters Lane site. This scheme includes the erection of 33 dwellings comprising eight one-bedroom bungalows, eight one-bedroom flats, twelve two-bedroom houses, four three-bedroom houses and one four-bedroom house. Part of this housing development will be utilised for the accommodation of those persons displaced by the slum clearance programme.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Rodent Control.

The routine inspection of the district was satisfactorily carried out during the year; only minor infestations were discovered and the necessary treatments were given in each case.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs
Number killed	417	56	806	1,285
Number inspected	410	52	790	1,279
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci				
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	2	~~4~~	~~4~~
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	87	—	75	343
Percentage of the number inspected affected with a disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	21.22%	3.85%	10.0%	26.82%
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	0.13%	—
Cysticercosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Condemnations.

Beef (including Offal)	924 lbs. weight
Veal (including Offal)	40 lbs. weight
Mutton and Lamb (including Offal) ...	690 lbs. weight
Pork (including Offal)	681 lbs. weight
Tinned Meats	48 lbs. weight
Poultry	48 lbs. weight
Miscellaneous (tinned fruit, etc.)	48 lbs. weight
	2.479 lbs.

808 bottles of beer, cider and minerals were condemned as being unfit for human consumption after being submerged in flood water.

It will be noted that almost 100% inspection of animals slaughtered for human consumption was attained. Annual leave made it impossible for all the meat to be inspected. Enquiries of the adjacent Local Authorities were made but shortage of technical staff prevented arrangements being made to cover the one week period.

Slaughterhouses.

Consequent upon the Council deciding in principle to license the three slaughterhouses in the town area, provided all the requirements of the Slaughterhouse Hygiene and Slaughter of Animals Prevention of Cruelty Regulations were ultimately complied with, the necessary reports were prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

It is expected that agreement will be reached by all the parties concerned and that the three slaughtering firms will have their premises and equipment brought up to the required standard by about the middle of 1961.

Food Preparing Establishments.

All the butchers' shops and catering establishments within this Urban District were inspected and were found to be generally in a satisfactory condition. There is no doubt that these periodic visits serve a useful purpose and help to maintain the reasonably high standard of cleanliness now attained by the majority of the premises and also by the personnel engaged in the handling of food.

C. W. Glover, Public Health Inspector.

SEATON URBAN DISTRICT

Area	1,178 acres
Population	3,000
Rateable Value	£63,227
Penny Rate produces	£255
General Rate levied	20/6d.

Deaths

1959—36 males, 32 females 68

1960—42 males, 32 females 74

Live Births

1959—16 males, 16 females 32

1 illegitimate birth was registered and is included in the above total of 32.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 10.8.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 3.1.

1960—17 males, 15 females 32

1 illegitimate birth was registered and is included in the above total of 32.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 10.7.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births, 3.1.

Still Births

1959—0 still births were registered 0

Total live and still births 32

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 10.8.

1960—1 still birth was registered (0 illegitimate) 1

Total live and still births 33

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 10.8.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births, Nil.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Maternal deaths, Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

1959—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, Nil.

1960—0 deaths were registered 0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, Nil.
Peri-natal mortality rate, 30.3.

Deaths.

The causes of death were:—

	1959	1960
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	0
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	6
Leukaemia	1	0
Diabetes	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	12
Coronary disease, angina	13	17
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1
Other heart disease	12	20
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Influenza	1	0
Pneumonia	0	2
Bronchitis	1	0
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	5
Motor accidents	1	0
Other accidents	1	1
Suicide	2	0
	68	74

Infectious Disease

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during 1959 and 1960 :—

	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	3	0
Whooping Cough	0	1
Measles	16	2
Pneumonia	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
	19	3

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The following visits and re-visits either by myself or by my Assistant have been made during the year :—

Public Health—General	79
Infectious disease	Nil
Camping and Caravans	18
Complaints—Council houses	180
Complaints—Others	12
Rodent Control	8
Water supply mains and works, and inspections for waste	83
Sewers and sewage works	46
Shops Acts inspections	10
	436

Housing.

Grant applications and general	20
Council houses and sites	109
Rent Acts	Nil
	129

Food and Drugs.

Byelaws and Regulations	10
Dairies	3
Meat and Food	6
	19

Building Byelaws and Planning.

Buildings	159
Drains and private sewers	36
	195

General.

Meteorological readings	365
Highways and public lighting	163
Pleasure grounds and conveniences	71
Petroleum regulations	8
Factories	8
Interviews	573
	1,188

Housing.

During the year ten " Unity " type two-bedroom houses were built for the Council on the Homer Lane site. Twenty-seven privately owned dwellings were built and finished and eight flats were provided by conversion of existing properties, making seven additional units of accommodation.

Housing Acts.

Two houses have been made again fit for occupation following action by the Council.

Improvement Grants.

Two houses were approved for Standard Grants.

Water Supply.

The quality of the water is shown by analysis to be excellent. Owing to torrential rainfalls during the Autumn of 1960, much damage and silting up of the intakes and filters occurred. A supplementary supply of water from the Couchill reservoir had to be taken during this wet period. A new water main was laid in Wychall Orchard building site.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The small sewage works at the northern end of the town is working at full and at times more than full capacity. The eastern outfall sewer to the sea was being repaired at the end of the year as a temporary measure.

It became most evident during the year that the renewal and enlargement of certain lengths of sewers was a matter which could not be delayed, because of building development proposed and the Council's Consulting Engineers were instructed to look fully into the matter and report. At the same time they were asked to consider the future drainage needs of the northern part of the town.

In February I attended a meeting of the Royal Society of Health in London in regard to the discharge of sewage into the sea at coastal resorts.

Food Shops and Dairies.

Inspections under the Food Hygiene Regulations were made whenever possible. Five batches of unsound food—all in tins—were condemned, and certificates signed.

Rodent Control.

There were no major infestations. Minor infestations in 22 properties were disposed of by the Rodent Operator. The treatment of rats in sewers continues, and in particular, in the old stone sewers. A statutory notice was served in respect of one property and complied with.

Refuse Collection.

The amount of refuse continues to increase in volume. Much of it is tins and cartons. There are three men employed on this work during the summer months and two only during the rest of the year. The general purpose lorry is also used for a few hours each week for collections from street litter bins and from shops.

Public Health and Food and Drugs Acts.

Five notices were served during the year and four complied with. Many problems under this heading are dealt with verbally at the time of inspection.

Piggeries.

At the close of the year a survey was made of the number and location of piggeries in use in the town and application was made to the Ministry concerned for a byelaw to control the distance of piggeries from dwelling houses.

Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	4	2	1
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	26	6	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	—	—
	30	8	1

Defects found and remedied :—

Want of cleanliness 1

Sections 110 and 111—Outworkers

Nature of Work	Section 110 No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Section 111 Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making)	0	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	1	—	—	—	—	—

P. R. Bradley, Public Health Inspector.